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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

At most of its past sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, endorsed the International Plan of Action on Ageing, adopted by the World Assembly on Ageing, and requested the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years, beginning in 1985, and to transmit its findings to the Assembly (resolution 37/51). The Commission will conduct the fourth review and appraisal at its thirty-fifth session, and for this purpose will convene an informal in-session ad hoc working group, which will also review the preparations for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons (1999).

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

The Commission will review progress made in the implementation and follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and consider at each of its sessions issues relating to the enabling environment for social development, the special situation of Africa and the least developed countries, enhancement of social development goals in structural adjustment programmes, the mobilization of domestic and international resources for social development, and the framework for international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development.

(a) Priority theme: Productive employment and sustainable livelihoods

The Commission will consider the following specific topics: (i) the centrality of employment in policy formulation, including a broader recognition of work and employment; (ii) improving access to productive resources and infrastructure; and (iii) enhanced quality of work and employment. The Commission will consider the specific topics also from a gender perspective.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will carry out the fourth quadrennial review of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and prepare for the International Year of Older Persons. The Commission will also review follow-up arrangements for the International Year of the Family, as well as the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty. It will consider the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. It will also examine, in accordance with the Standard Rules, the possibility of either renewing the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, appointing a new Special Rapporteur or considering another monitoring mechanism, and make appropriate recommendations to the Economic and Social Council.

The Commission will review concurrently the relevant activities of the Secretariat and receive reports from the regional commissions on their social development and social welfare activities.

Documentation

1997 Report on the World Social Situation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (E/CN.5/1997/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on productive employment and sustainable livelihoods (E/CN.5/1997/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing (E/CN.5/1997/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues, trends and new approaches, and programme activities of the Secretariat and the regional commissions relating to social development, including the situation of specific groups (E/CN.5/1997/5 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (A/52/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and follow-up of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/52/__-E/1997/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on family issues (A/52/__-E/1997/__)

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Programme performance and implementation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will have before it excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/51/128 and Add.1) and from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-sixth session (A/51/16 (Parts I and II)).

(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999 in the field of social development.

(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members who are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The term of office of five members, who are not eligible for renomination, will expire on 30 June 1997. The Commission, at its thirty-fifth session, will therefore be called upon to nominate five new members of the Board for a four-year term beginning on 1 July 1997 and expiring on 30 June 2001. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominations in 1997.

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The report before the Commission covers the biennium 1995-1996.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/CN.5/1997/L.2)

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/1997/6)

Report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/1997/7)

5. Provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-sixth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/1997/L.3)

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.